

DON PEDRO & KNIGHTS ISLAND STREET & DRAINAGE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 4, 2014 – Regular Meeting
2:30 P.M. – San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: Linda Cotherman, Timothy Malone, William McNulty, Donald Milroy, and David Witters

Absent: Jeffery Jacobson (excused)

County: John Elias, Dawn Harrison, Randy Vowell, Ray Slade, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from March 12, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen input:

- Mr. Jon Goranson stated that he talked with the contractor that was onsite. Utility line locates were done; areas where lines were present to skipped. The main Comcast lines were plowed in 2 1/2 to 3ft deep. There was no inspector on site to watch the contractor. Recommended a survey crew go out and stake the road. This contractor took the easy way out.

Old Business:

- Contract Road Prep Work – The prep work that was done by Gator Contracting is unacceptable from the Advisory Committee's stand point. The contractor considers the job finished. Several citizens reported the contractor was on the island 3 ½ days with the last day being mostly to remove equipment for a project that was estimated to take 30 days. The specs state they were supposed to mill up asphalt to mix in with the natural sand and bring it into the center of the road. The equipment to churn up the road didn't go deep enough. 6 inches should have been turned up and it wasn't. Right now when it rains the only place that has standing water is on the roads. There were big sections of asphalt on Bayshore Drive that were never touched. The operator stated he was supposed to bring the stuff in from the sides and he couldn't do that so he didn't. Mr. Elias stated that these roads are different from any other roads that Charlotte County maintains. The members explained the Penn State report and their recommendations. Original roads were created by people driving on the ground. There was never any fill brought in and eventually big dips were created and after a big storm there was standing water everywhere leaving the road unusable. The County brought in some shell rock to fill in and the road got worse. For several years there was a person with a box grader that graded the roads for under \$5000 per year. Mr. Elias stated that this is not the way a road should be done. The Committee stated that is why Penn State was brought in to evaluate the unpaved road and give their recommendation on what could be done to correct the problem on this type of road. Mr. Ziegler at Penn State goes nationwide to give information on how to maintain unpaved roads. There was extensive discussion on what the contract states and the job that should have been done. The contractor didn't pot hole anything. A road reclaim machine was used instead of a milling machine. Mr. Elias is going to set up a meeting with the Contractor. The second phase of the project will not happen until the issues with the first phase have been worked out. Mr. Elias will try to get an Engineering Inspector and visit the island with one of the committee members to do a site review. The contract and specifications were reviewed. Mr. Elias will work with the contractor and make them do what the contract states. The Committee is concerned that if Phase I and Phase II aren't done close together; Phase I will deteriorate. The committee stated that Phase I should not be finished up until they are ready for Phase II. Mr. Elias stated that utilities that are located in the County owned ROW can be made to be relocated. Mr. Vowell stated that a change order to add sand at \$68 per ton and washed shell at \$102 per ton has been created and is being held. The Committee stated that citizens continue to be willing to wait in order to get this job done correctly.

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New Business:

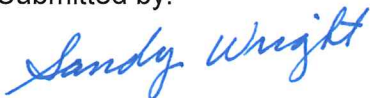
- New Contract – Mr. Malone suggested each district provide a list of suggested line items for their area because each district may have different needs.
- Cost of Current Contract – The current contract is 4 cycles at \$9100 per cycle.
- Material Used on the Roads – The Committee agrees with the material that is being ordered. Mr. Ziegler from Penn State was hoping for a harder material than the washed shell; however 87 rock would not be a good material. Washed shell will be used with the new contract.
- Grass, Weeds and Debris Removal on Bridge Approaches – cut the grass, trim the weeds, and clean debris from the bridge approaches and edge along the pavement and cut the overhanging bushes on the hard road needs to be done. Mr. Elias stated this work could be outsourced; the Committee agreed.
- Signs for Golf Cart Ordinance – There were discussion regarding a special exemption for the roads on the island allowing golf carts. Ms. Harrison will follow up to see if an ordinance is on file, and if the signs need to be replaced.
- Grading Contract expires in October – The current contract doesn't address road maintenance. \$9100 per grading cycle plus material. There was discussion regarding the committee getting out of the current contract early. Mr. Elias stated a documented reason would be required. A new contract should be written to address the unique issues on the island. The current contract can continue until it expires on September 30, 2014. The new contract has to have new specifications written.
- Ms. Harrison suggested the committee think about budget items for the bridges
- Financial Reports – The 6 Month Actual report was distributed for review and questions.
- Beach Parking – Ms. Cotherman stated that the beach re-nourishment project has money to put shell in the designated parking areas. Mr. Elias stated that it may be possible to put the washed shell in now. Ms. Harrison will follow up.
- There was discussion regarding future grading after the roads are in a maintainable state and purchasing a piece of equipment that could be left on the island. Mr. Elias stated that it wouldn't make sense to have equipment sitting out there. He will look to see what can be done in house; if it's cheaper to go outside, the work would be put out to a contractor. Mr. Elias will have a discussion with Mr. Dallenbach about a small piece of equipment that could be left in a shed and used between the contractor's cycles.
- The Public Notice of clearing the right-of-ways was placed on the County's web site and posted; some residents have fixed the problems of items in their ROW's.
- The turn-around at the end of South Gulf can't be used due to the vegetation that growing is on one side and the pilings on the other side. The Committee agreed that the public notices should continue to be distributed. Ms. Cotherman will continue to put out the notices and report back.
- The Palm Island homeowners association has contacted the realtors to get the realtor signs removed from the ROW.
- The vacant lots on North Gulf have vegetation growing up to the road and it needs to be cut back.

Open Discussion:

The next meeting was previously scheduled for Wednesday September 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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